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Pizzagate took a turn for the even more bizarre on Sunday, as a **man with an assault rifle walked into Comet Ping Pong** to "**self-investigate**" the Baltimore, Maryland, pizza parlor that internet conspiracy theorists say is at the center of an **international child sex ring run by prominent Democrats**. 28-year-old Edgar Maddison Welch, of Salisbury, N.C., **reportedly fired the rifle at least once inside the restaurant but no one was injured**.



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As HeatSt.com reports, [5] Washington, D.C., police arrested the man Sunday afternoon, after restaurant employees saw a man, described as being in his early 20s and **carrying an “assault rifle,” work his way through the dining room and then attempt to enter the staff work area at the back of the building.**



Restaurant workers acted quickly, getting staff and patrons—including a number of children—to safety and dialing 911. **Authorities were quick to respond. They subdued and arrested the man and secured the restaurant. No one was injured.**

'Pizzagate' conspiracy theory turns violent after gunman fires shot in D.C. restaurant

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The Washington Post ^[11] noted that the incident caused panic, with several businesses going into lockdown as police swarmed the neighborhood after receiving the call shortly before 3 p.m.

Police said 28-year-old Edgar Maddison Welch, of Salisbury, N.C., walked in the front door of Comet Ping Pong and pointed a firearm in the direction of a restaurant employee. The employee was able to flee and notify police. Police said Welch proceeded to discharge the rifle inside the restaurant.

The man told police he had come to the restaurant to “self-investigate” the election-related conspiracy theory.

Police said in addition to the assault rifle, they also recovered two firearms inside the restaurant; an additional weapon was recovered in Welch’s car. Bomb-sniffing dogs and at least one armored vehicle were present at the scene.

He has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon.

DC Police Press Release on the arrest...

**a Dangerous Weapon (Gun):
5000 Block of Connecticut
Avenue, Northwest**

(Washington, DC)– The Metropolitan Police Department has announced an arrest in an Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Gun) offense that occurred on Sunday, December 4, 2016, in the 5000 block of Connecticut Avenue, Northwest.

recovered inside the location. An additional weapon was recovered from the suspect’s vehicle. There were no reported injuries.

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, **28-year-old Edgar Maddison Welch** of Salisbury, North Carolina was arrested and charged with Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Gun).

During a post arrest interview this evening, the suspect revealed that he came to the establishment to self-investigate “Pizza

At approximately [2:58 pm](#), members of the Second District received a call for a man with a firearm. The suspect entered the location and pointed a firearm in the

commitment to [S&P investigate](#) [Pizzagate](#) (a fictitious online conspiracy theory).

This case remains under investigation. Anyone who has information regarding this case should call [303.737.0000](#).



Deputy Mayor Donahue

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.@DCPoliceDept press release on arrest of Edgar Maddison Welch, 28, of Salisbury, NC for assault w/dangerous weapon at Comet restaurant.

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One can't help but wonder, as [Congress considers a bill “to counter active measures by the Russian Federation to exert covert influence.”](#)^[15] whether this is yet another false flag to raise awareness of what is a possible outcome of "fake news"?

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